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Minutes of Meeting 26 February, 2009

The meeting was called to order by the president at exactly 8:00 p.m. All officers were present except for Mark McWhinney, Mike Drew, and the Renshaws. There were 32 members present, and unusually, there were no De Tomaso cars in the parking lot (this is only the second time this has happened in 11 years!)

New Members/Guests: There were no new members or guests this month, other than repeat visitor Todd Rodericks. He announced that it's approved to support Tesla again, as they have hired him back on as a contractor!

Changes To Last Month's Minutes: There were no changes noted.

Club Treasury Report: Steve reported that our account is still healthy. He paid a few bills, and we had income from the Christmas party, and POCA refunds.

Club Store Report: Store Elf Rich Boschert showed off a new black T-shirt design, which is also available on hoodie sweatshirts in ash gray. The design shows a Pantera on both front and rear. (No photos are available at the moment but we hope to publish them next month).

Club Membership Report: A new club member named Charlie Wertheimer just contacted Russ Britschgi. He just bought a Pantera and wanted to know about the club, and subsequently joined up. Garth also found a local potential club member while surfing the internet; he did attend a meeting three years ago but didn't join at that time.

Russ mailed the 2009 club membership rosters to all club members who weren't at the Super Bowl party to receive them in person; if you didn't receive yours by one means or another, please contact Russ.

Club Motorsports Report: Larry reported that the track event is now cruising smoothly on autopilot. We are still looking for volunteers to take over the duties that Roger and Jim have attended to for so many years; that is, working the hot pits and controlling the cars entering and exiting the track. They are ready to give up that responsibility and train their replacements. It doesn't have to be just two people; in fact it would be preferable if we could find multiple volunteers willing to work short shifts. If you're interested in the track event but aren't planning on driving, please step forward and volunteer some time.

Sponsorship for this event will likely be down this year, so we are soliciting individual sponsors. Sponsorship can be as little as \$100; \$250 gets your business name on the event T-shirt, etc.

Contact Larry Finch for more information.

Club Website Report: Although Mark wasn't present, he E-mailed his report to Garth. Information on the Fun Rally and the track event has been added to both the POCA and PCNC websites. Both websites continue to grow as Mark adds functionality to each of them.

We are missing e-mail addresses for numerous PCNC members; please see the list elsewhere in this newsletter, and if your name appears there, please send an E-mail to POCA membership chair Judy McCartney and help us stay connected with you.

Past Events:

Superbowl Party: The club publicly acknowledged the Packs for their generosity in hosting us at their lovely home in Discovery Bay for the Super Bowl party. Highlight of the day for many was the opportunity to go for a ride in Rod's boat, whose engines were funded by the sale of his Pantera many years ago. It is capable of ridiculous speeds (over 100 mph) and the rides he gave were said to be quite memorable!

Upcoming Events:

Pacific Coast Dream Machines — 26 April: This is the biggest and arguably the best car show of the year. Held each April at the Half Moon Bay airport, traditionally it has conflicted with the Las Vegas event and thus PCNC participation has been limited. However, this year the Las Vegas event is in Reno, in June, so this show now is a viable option. Over 2500 vehicles of all types participate; besides cars of all stripes, the show features airplanes, motorcycles, farm

equipment, tanks and armored fighting vehicles, steam engines, and on and on!

The show is a benefit fundraiser for the Coastside Adult Day Health Center. Entry (which includes two admission tickets) is \$30 before April 15, and \$35 thereafter.

More information can be found by surfing to: <http://www.miramarevents.com/dreammachines/index.html>

Last year, Larry Finch agreed to be the Parking Führer for the Pantera group, and hopefully will do so again this year, assuming he finishes screwing his Pantera back together (it's currently scattered all over his garage). Although the event organizers don't normally allow groups to park together, it is hoped that a group of Panteras can gather outside the gates and enter together, taking up a lot of room and then progressively getting closer together to accommodate latecomers.

POCA Fun Rally — 10-14 June: Planning is moving forward for the new, improved POCA Fun Rally. It will feature a host of new events in addition to many of the traditional events that makes the Fun Rally the must-do event of the year. There will be plenty of opportunities to exercise your driving skills, including the two-day PCNC track event, a go-kart race, and a cruise around Lake Tahoe. Non-driving events include a comedy club night, dinner at the Harrah's car museum, and a shopping/tourist trip to Virginia City. There will be a street display near the Reno Arch, and at least a dozen top-flight De Tomaso cars will be on display in the hotel ballroom.

Details have been posted on the POCA website. Planning is underway for a scenic drive from the Bay Area to Reno, avoiding the boring freeway route. Watch the PCNC website and this newsletter for more details.

Monterey Historic Races Weekend — 13-16 August: We currently have 17 rooms reserved at Los Laureles, but we must commit to them no later than 60 days prior to the event or risk losing them. The rooms are currently secured by the deposit we placed last year. Final pricing etc. is still to be determined, but presumably will be in line with last year's pricing.

In light of the dismal failure of last year's Concorso Italiano, the event effectively collapsed and its future looked grim. In that environment, the owners of the event sold it to an entrepreneur who hopes to return it to its formal glory. (Subsequent to the PCNC meeting, it was announced that the location for this year's event will be the Laguna Seca golf course, conveniently right next to the Monterey Historic Races).

In the meantime, one of the principals of the Pocono event has teamed up with the Maserati club to stage a competing Italian car concours on the same day at the Black Horse golf course (formerly the site of Concorso Italiano).

Confused? So is everybody else....

Club Business:

Name Tags Order: Doris announced that she will be placing another order for PCNC name tags, so if you are in need, please give her a call.

Buy/Sell/Swap:

Center-Mounted High Stop Lights: Curt Hall has some very tidy center-mounted high stop lights, which tuck neatly under the roof and are all but invisible until you step upon the brakes, at which point the idiot soccer mom tailgating you in her SUV is suddenly made aware of its

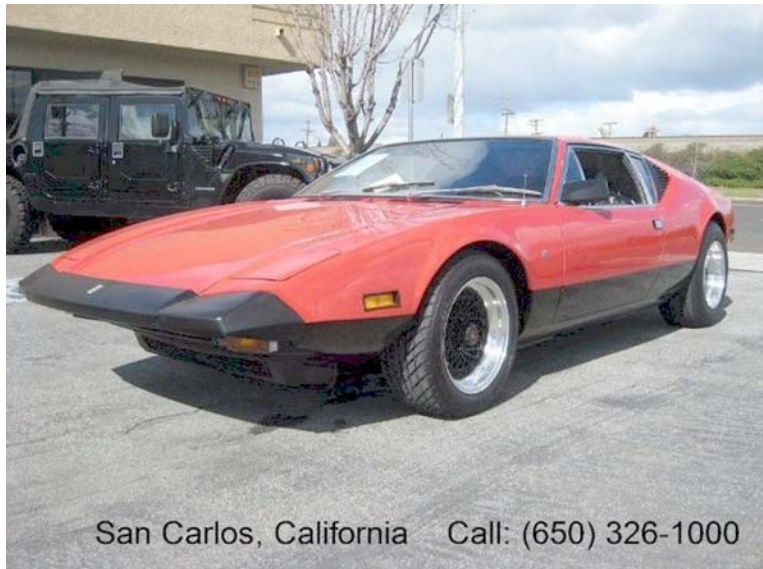
presence. These lights are a VERY good idea these days, as it's entirely possible for such an idiot to get so close in her high truck that she is literally unable to see your stock brake lights!

De Tomaso Registry: Chuck Melton has a copy of Bill Van Ess' De Tomaso registry available.

GTS Headers—Some Work Required: Larry Finch's ANSA GTS headers fell apart and developed leaks; rather than fix them he just bought a new pair. The old ones are repairable and are available to a good home. He's really just trying to give them away rather than sell them. If you've got a welder, this is a great deal in the making!

Pantera For Sale At Specialty Sales: Ron DeMaderios reported on a Pantera that is currently for sale on consignment at Specialty Sales in San Carlos. It's a red '73 with black flanks, sporting 80s mesh aftermarket wheels, chassis number 5773. The asking price has been lowered to \$42,990. You can find out more by visiting their website, <http://www.specialtysales.com/1973-de-tomaso-pantera—c-1998.htm>

Original Pantera Still In Ford Dealership!: Peter Kovacs heard tell of an original Pantera that was never sold, still sitting in a Ford dealership in Oakdale. So he went to Haidlen Ford, and sure enough, there sat a very clean, very original '73 Pantera! The Pirelli tires and a radio were the only deviations from stock. This car is soon to be featured in *POCA Profiles* as well.



San Carlos, California Call: (650) 326-1000

Concorso Program Featuring Pantera: Garth Rodericks received an original program from Concorso Italiano in 1997; it featured a beautiful studio photograph of the yellow Pantera then owned by Gary Berger on the cover. It set his brother back a whopping \$10...

Chasing After Old Cars: Paul DaCruz made a ridiculously low offer on a beautiful-looking '76 BMW 2002 on E-bay, and won the auction, so on a lark, Garth accompanied him to go fetch it from Arizona. The car was everything they hoped for, exceptionally clean and tidy, and they set off for home. In the middle of the Mojave desert, it predictably sputtered to a halt, a victim of a melted aftermarket ignition rotor. A passing CHP officer told them their actual location (AAA tow trucks don't typically respond to calls for help from "the middle of nowhere"), and a truck came from Needles to drag them back to town. In the morning, the tow truck driver even went to pick up the replacement rotor (across the state line), and eventually they made it back on the road and home!

News, Clues and Rumors:

Pantera In Cow Palace Roadster Show: Bob Benson went to the roadster show at the Cow

Palace in San Francisco and was surprised to find a Pantera on display; it belongs to PCNC member Bob Paizs. This car is going to be featured in an upcoming issue of *POCA Profiles*.

Bull Run Pantera: PCNC member Jason Eaton and his Pantera were featured on the Speed Channel reality show *Bullrun*. Unfortunately, due to some mechanical malfunctions and hard luck, they were eliminated after the second episode. But they put up a valiant effort nonetheless. Watch for the full story in an upcoming issue of *Profiles*.

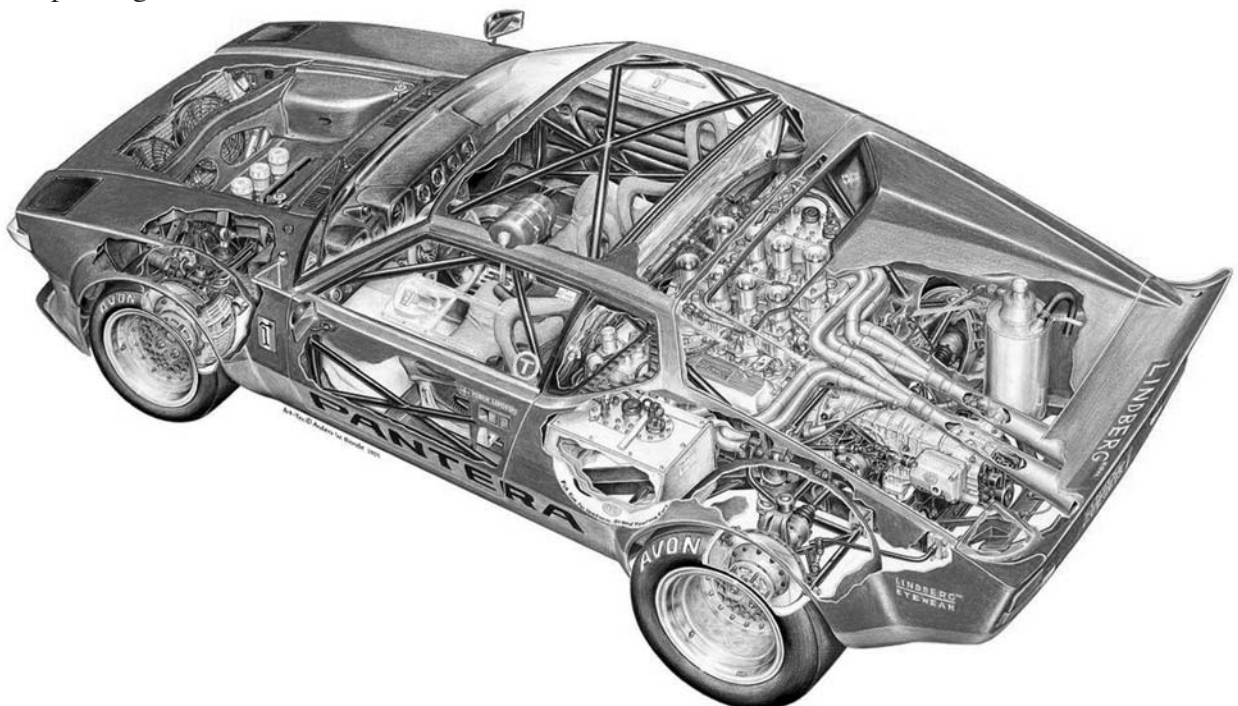
Garth's Pantera Continues Its Vow Of Silence: Garth reported that his Pantera re-engining project has made precious little progress, and it remains firmly mounted to the concrete....

Driving For Dinner Raffle: As there were no De Tomaso cars present, there was no winner this month.

Raffle Results: Brent and Brett passed the hat, with the following results:

Allen tool set — Ron DeMaderios
1/4 inch drive socket driver set — Curt Hall
Pepper Spray — Curt Hall
Multimeter — Chuck Melton
Digital slide caliper — Lee Farrell
Work gloves — Mark Tumbarello
ZF drain plug — Mark Tumbarello
Pantera Video DVD — Ron DeMaderios
Panteras for the Road Book — Larry Finch
Cordless Drill — Darryl Johnson

The meeting wrapped up and talk continued in the meeting room, since there was nothing to look at in the parking lot!



Membership News

New Members for March:

Charlie & Eva Wertheimer of Orinda. They recently purchased a red '74 Pantera from southern California. Charlie says this is the first mid-engine car he has owned and really likes the ZF and power. He's driven big torque cars before, but none as sweet as this DeTomaso layout. Charlie and Eva are like most of us when we first purchased a Pantera; now that I have one, where do I get it worked on when it needs it. Well folks, you may find it strange, but in this club you will find there many people willing to show, help, and advise you on any work you may feel up to doing on your own. We have been known to change clutches by the side of the road, pull and replace engines at your place or someone else's, and find a replacement wheel bearing in the middle of the desert. And as for professional help, there is no end to the advice you can get on that. So with that said, welcome to the club and we hope to see you and your car soon.

March Membership Anniversaries:

We congratulate the following persons for the indicated years of continuous membership in the Pantera Club of Northern California:

Lindsay & Estelle Crawford: thirty-four years

Howard & Sharon Renshaw: thirty years

Carl & Judy Kaufmann: twenty-two years

Eddie & Lisa Pavlu: nineteen years

Richard Dean: sixteen years

Rich Boschert: ten years

Darryl & Connie Johnson: seven years

Dennis Franks: four years

Carl & Mary Schumaker: four years

Diane Dean: thirty-three years

Russ & Doris Britschgi: twenty-four years

Kathy & Brian Gentry: twenty years

Joel & Shelly Gust: seventeen years

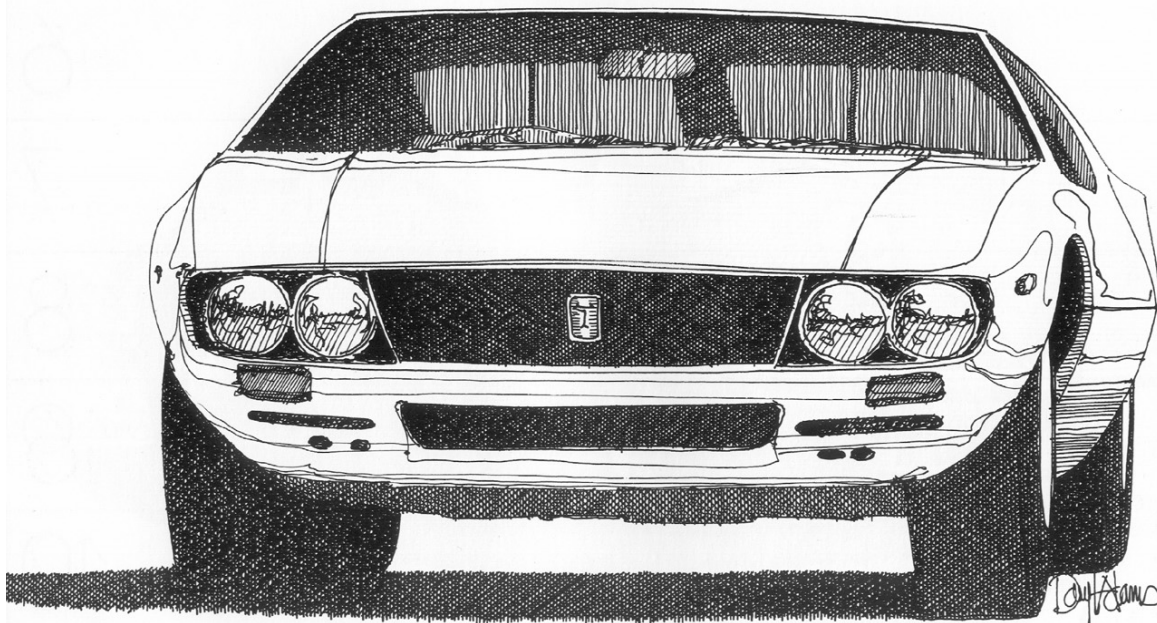
Doug Kelm: twelve years

Chris & Susan Clark: nine years

Bob & Dena Lucas: seven years

Tim & Becky Haddad: four years

Bill & Martha Weiner: one year



Missing in Action

POCA does not have e-mail addresses for the PCNC members listed below. Please let POCA Membership chair Judy McCartney know your e-mail address. You can contact her at jpoca2@hotmail.com.

John Allen
Michael Anderson
Lincoln Auperin
John Bartole
Erik Belter
Paul Bowden
Lindsay Crawford
Richard Dean
Guy Dellavecchia
James Dursi
Tom Galli

Gary Glenn
Tony Guinasso
Tim Haddad
Carl Kaufmann
Jay Leone
Ken Levin
Mark Manoogian
Jerry Meinecke
Philip Miller
Les Morgan
Jim Murch

Wayne Okubo
Mike Paul
Kenneth Roberts
Hans Schulz
Perry Strongin
Roger Thomas
Richard Traxler
Roger Whiting
Charles Wilson
Dennis Wilson

Also, you should sign up on the PCNC website (www.PanteraClubNorCal.com) and the POCA website (www.poca.com). This will give you updated information from the eNews e-mail blasts and access to the POCA member exclusive content including the archive of POCA Newsletter and *Profiles*.

Kaizer K. Albino, Sr.

March 14, 1956 - March 7, 2009

PCNC is sad to announce the untimely passing of Kaizer Albino, 52, after a brief illness. Kaiser and his wife Lori have been PCNC members since 2001, when he bought his dream car, a red '71 Pantera. They were active club members initially, but then his erratic work schedule as an Oakland police officer precluded their attendance at most events. Nevertheless, he was an extremely enthusiastic and happy owner.

He is survived by his wife Lori, and his sons Kaizer Jr. and Kaleo, and his daughter, Gabrielle.

They will be keeping his Pantera, and hopefully we will see one or more generations of Albinos at some of our upcoming events.

Our thoughts go out to them in this time of great sorry. It was truly a privilege to have Kaizer as a member of our group, and he will be sorely missed....



NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, March 26, 2009
8:00 P.M.**

**COCO'S RESTAURANT
1209 OAKMEAD PARKWAY
SUNNYVALE, CA
(Take Lawrence Expressway South Exit off Highway 101)**

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- April 26 ----- Pacific Coast Dream Machines (Larry Finch)
Date TBA ----- Pre-Fun Rally Tech Session (Roger Sharp)
June 10-14 ----- POCA Fun Rally (Judy McCartney)
June 11-12 ----- Reno/Fernley Speed Trials (Larry Finch)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15th OF EACH MONTH
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